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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: CORE GROUP MEETING AUGUST 26, 1976

REF: (A) STATE 211647 (NOTAL), (B) USUN 3323

1. SUMMARY: CORE GROUP MET AT WORKING LEVEL AFTERNOON
AUGUST 26 AT BELGIUM'S MISSION. ALL REPRESENTED EXCEPT
COSTA RICA. CORE GROUP DEFINED SOME LOBBYING TARGETS BUT
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CONCLUDED IT YET EARLY TO REACH JUDGEMENT ON SUCH FUTURE

TACTICAL OPTIONS AS DEFERMENT. CORE GROUP CONSIDERED THAT ITS LOBBYING HAD BEEN EFFECTIVE IN ENCOURAGING SOME 20 STATES TO EXPRESS RESERVATIONS AT COLOMBO ABOUT ONE-SIDED NATURE OF SUMMIT DOCUMENTS ON KOREA. ALL AGREED THAT THERE WERE NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLACENCY AS A RESULT OF COLOMBO. CORE GROUP DEPLORED FURTHER LEAKS TO "KOREA HERALD" ABOUT CORE GROUP WORK. CORE GROUP AGREED TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF DMZ INCIDENT ON PROSPECTS FOR GAINING SUPPORT FOR OUR RESOLUTION AT ITS NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MORNING OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. END SUMMARY.

2. ATTRACTION OF NEW COSPONSORS:

(A) CORE GROUP CONCLUDED AD REFERENDUM, THAT LAST YEAR'S COSPONSORS NOT YET COSPONSORING IN 1976 SHOULD BE GIVEN PRIORITY OF APPROACH (CORE GROUP ALSO DECIDED THAT CORE GROUP COUNTRIES NAMED IN PARENTHESIS SHOULD HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROACHES): BARBADOS (US AND CANADA); CAR (KOREA); COLOMBIA (US); FRANCE (EC-9 MEMBERS); THE GAMBIA (ROK); IRELAND (EC-9 MEMBERS); ITALY (EC-9 MEMBERS); LIBERIA (US); LUXEMBOURG (EC-9 MEMBERS).

(B) ADDITIONALLY CORE GROUP DECIDED ON FURTHER NINE COUNTRIES FOR PRIORITY APPROACHES ON COSPONSORSHIP: LESOTHO (UK, CANADA, ROK), SWAZILAND (US); ORAN (UK); MOROCCO (BELGIUM), ZAIRE (FRG); MALAWI (US); SURINAN (NETHERLANDS), PHILIPPINES (ROK); EL SALVADOR (US, ROK).

(C) UK EXPRESSED LONDON'S CONCERN ABOUT EXPENDITURE OF TOO MUCH POLITICAL CAPITAL THROUGH REPEATED LOBBYING EFFORTS. UK AGREED, HOWEVER, TO RECOMMEND TO LONDON LOBBYING IN CERTAIN SPECIFIC CASES AND IN ANY EVENT FULFILLMENT OF UK ROLE AS CONVENER IN CAPITALS HAVING CORE GROUPS EVEN THOUGH UK CONVENER MIGHT NOT BE IN FOREFRONT OF LOBBYING.

3. SINCE LOBBYING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WOULD NOW SPREAD TO CAPITALS OUTSIDE NONALIGNED AREAS, US SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING CORE GROUPS IN OTHER CAPITALS AS WELL. CORE GROUP SHARES VIEW THAT THIS COULD PROVE USEFUL.

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4. DISCOURAGEMENT OF HOSTILE COSPONSORS: (A) CORE GROUP TOOK NOTE OF FACT THAT GHANA, EGYPT, SENEGAL, RWANDA, CAPE VERDE, YUGOSLAVIA, UPPER VOLTA, MAURITANIA, AND YEMEN WERE AMONG THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD COSPONSORED IN 1975 BUT WHICH HAD NOT COSPONSORED SO FAR AT LEAST IN 1976 (REF B). REPORTS EXCHANGED INDICATED THAT UPPER VOLTA, MAURITANIA AND YEMEN WERE MOST LIKELY AMONG 1975 COSPONSORS NOT TO COSPONSOR IN 1976.

(B) CORE GROUP TOOK NOTE OF FACT THAT HOSTILE SIDE COULD END UP WITH FEWER COSPONSORS IN 1976 THAN IN 1975 AND THAT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE COSPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD BE IMPORTANT.

(C) BELGIUM REPORTED CONTACTS WITH RWANDANS AND SUGGESTED THAT AN ROK GESTURE TOWARD RWANDA COULD BE USEFUL IN DISCOURAGING RWANDA'S COSPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE TEXT. (RWANDA HAS SINCE BECOME 32ND HOSTILE COSPONSOR.)

5. LOBBYING REPORTS ON FRIENDLY COSPONSORSHIP:

(A) ROK COMMENTED THAT IS AMBASSADOR IN BANGUI EXPECTED TO SEE PRESIDENT BOKASSA OF CAR WITH CAR FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCK ABOUT COSPONSORSHIP VERY SOON.

(B) U.S. REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR SCRANTON HAD MET COLOMBIA'S AMBASSADOR ZEA ABOUT COSPONSORSHIP AUGUST 25.

(C) UK CONFIDED PRIVATELY TO US THAT IRELAND UNLIKELY TO COSPONSOR AT LEAST IN NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE SOME IRISH CLERGYMEN IN ROK WERE EXPRESSING CONCERN TO DUBLIN OVER POLITICAL REPRESSION IN ROK.

(D) JAPAN REPORTED THAT ASEAN STATES UNLIKELY TO COSPONSOR. JAPAN REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY THAT ASEAN'S MIGHT BE ABLE TO PLAY USEFUL ROLE DURING UNGA IF NOT TOO CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH OUR RESOLUTION. JAPAN ASKED THAT, IF AN ASEAN STATE WERE TO EXPRESS DESIRE TO COSPONSOR, CORE GROUP SHOULD KEEP FOREGOING CONSIDERATION IN MIND.

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6. ASSESSMENT OF NAM SUMMIT: U.S., ROK AND CANADA SHARED REPORTS ON NAM SUMMIT. CONSENSUS OF CORE GROUP WAS THAT FACT THAT WHILE SOME TWENTY COUNTRIES SPOKE UP WITH RESERVATIONS AGAINST SUMMIT TEXTS ON KOREA, RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT PROVIDED NO GROUNDS FOR COMPLACENCY. GROUP, HOWEVER, AGREED THAT LOBBYING EFFORTS HAD PAID OFF SUBSTANTIALLY IN ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF NONALIGNED TO SPEAK UP AT COLOMBO AGAINST ONE-SIDED TEXTS (REF B), ROK LISTED FOLLOWING AS HAVING SPOKEN UP: INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, JORDAN, MOROCCO, SAUDI
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ARABIA, ARGENTINA, PERU, CAR, GABON, THE GAMBIA, IVORY COAST, KENYA, LIBERIA, MAURITANIA, SIERRA LEONE, ZAIRE, INDIA.
U.S. ADDED, ON BASIS OF REPORTS FROM COLOMBO: CAMEROON
CYPRUS, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

7. CORE GROUP DEPLORED FURTHER DETAILED REPORT IN "KOREA HERALD" ABOUT RECENT CORE GROUP ACTIVITY. ROK CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED INNOCENCE ON PART ROK OBSERVER OFFICE.

8. EMERGING COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE: CORE GROUP NOTED FOLLOWING EMERGING COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AND DECIDED THAT IT WAS YET TOO EARLY TO DRAW RELIABLE CONCLUSIONS ON TACTICAL OPTIONS SUCH AS DEFERMENT. CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE ARE:

A) PRESIDENT SRI LANKA

B) VICE PRESIDENTS:

- (I) PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UNSC (5)
- (II) EASTERN EUROPE (1): GDR
- (III) WEOG (2): AUSTRALIA, TURKEY
- (IV) LATIN AMERICA: (3): DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA, PANAMA
- (V) AFRICA (4): GUINEA, CHAD, SUDAN, TANZANIA
- (VI) ASIA (2): JAPAN, FIJI, OMAN, SOUTH YEMEN (FAVORED TO
GET ARAB SEAT OVER OMAN)

C) COMMITTEES:

- (I) COMMITTEE I: POLAND
- (II) SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE: LESOTHO
- (III) COMMITTEE II: BOLIVIA, UGANDA
- (IV) COMMITTEE III: FRG
- (V) COMMITTEE IV: NO CANDIDATES NAMED AS YET
- (VI) COMMITTEE V: IRAN
- (VII) COMMITTEE VI: FINLAND, PHILIPPINES (EXPECTED TO FIGHT
HARD FOR THIS)

9. IMPLICATIONS OF DMZ INCIDENT FOR GAINING SUPPORT FOR
OUR RESOLUTION: CORE GROUP DECIDED TO CONSIDER THESE
IMPLICATION AT ITS NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3 AT 10:00 AM. US CAST OUT THOUGHT THAT DMZ
INCIDENT MIGHT PROVIDE REASON FOR CALL FOR DEFERMENT OF
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UNGA DEBATE ON UA#SO AS TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN
NEW YORK WHICH COULD DESTABILIZE SITUATION IN KOREA.

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